
Promoting Sustainability in the Inyo-Mono Region:
Understanding Regional Groundwater Resources and
Upgrading Infrastructure in Disadvantaged
Community Water Systems

Attachment 1: Authorization and Eligibility
Requirements

Authorizing Documentation

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 2013-13 on March 12, 2013, which authorizes the County of Inyo to act as grantee for the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant. The resolution can be found on the next page.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING INYO
COUNTY TO ACT AS GRANTEE FOR PROPOSITION 84 ROUND TWO
IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE INYO COUNTY WATER
DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS PROJECT DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, the State of California, under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 75001 et seq.), is providing financial assistance in the form of Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grants to further the objectives of the Act; and

WHEREAS Inyo County is a member of the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), and Integrated Regional Water Management Plans are becoming the State of California's principal vehicle for distributing State water grants and loans to local governments and agencies; and


WHEREAS the California Department of Water Resources grant application process required that each RWMG have a single point of contact (grantee) to act as grantee for any funds awarded by DWR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

1. Pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code (PRC) Section 75001 et seq.), authorizes the County of Inyo to Act as grantee for Round Two implementation funding for grant funds from the State of California Department of Water Resources.
2. Authorizes Robert Harrington, Director of the Inyo County Water Department or his designee, to act as Project Director for the Proposition 84 Round Two Implementation Funding to receive, disburse, and account for grants funds, and to ensure financial reporting to comply with terms of any grant agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, this 12th day of March, 2013, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Arcularius, Griffiths, Pucci, Tillemans and Kingsley
NOES: -0-
ABSTAIN: -0-
ABSENT: -0-


Linda Arcularius, Chairperson
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: **KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO**
Clerk of the Board

by: 
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant



Eligible Applicant Documentation

- The County of Inyo is a local public agency as defined in Appendix B of the 2012 IRWM Guidelines. As a County, is it's a political subdivision of the State of California.
- The County of Inyo was created by an act of legislature approved in 1866.
- As a county jurisdiction, the County of Inyo has the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California.
- Inyo County currently and in previous years has managed several contracts and grants with state agencies. One current contract is with the State of California for a Wildlife Conservation Grant. Inyo County also has a Community Sponsorship Grant Program in which grants are provided to local agencies and managed through the County and audited through staff as well as the Inyo County Auditor.
- As appropriate, Inyo County will enter into sub-contracts with individual project proponents or with contractors performing work directly for Inyo County-sponsored projects.

Groundwater Management Plan Compliance

- The one project that may impact groundwater levels is the Inyo County Disadvantaged Communities Meters Project. It is unknown to what extent groundwater levels may be impacted, but it is possible that water consumption in the three communities will change once water use is more accurately measured. It is expected that water use would likely decrease. All domestic water supplies for the three water systems come from groundwater.
- This project will be implemented by the Inyo County Department of Public Works.
- The Inyo County Department of Public Works is subject to the "Long Term Groundwater Management Plan for Owens Valley and Inyo County" that is a part of the 1991 Long Term Water Agreement between Inyo County and the City of Los Angeles and that complies with CWC §10753.7. All three systems in the Inyo County Disadvantaged Communities Meters Project are located in the Owens Valley groundwater basin.
- None of the other three projects are expected to impact groundwater levels or quality.

Progress on Meeting Current IRWM Plan Standards

Table 1 – IRWM Plan Standards Questionnaire

Standard	Specific Standard Questions	Status/Response
Governance	Will the governance structure need to be altered in the Updated IRWM Plan in order to ensure that balanced access and opportunity for participation in the IRWM effort is provided?	No. The current governance structure allows for participation from any entity wishing to be involved with water planning for the Inyo-Mono IRWM region. Currently, the Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group is governed by a non-legal, non-binding memorandum of understanding. Stakeholders may sign or un-sign the MOU at any time. In the update of the Inyo-Mono IRWM Phase II Plan that will take place through the Round 2 Planning Grant award, the RWMG will re-examine the governance structure and investigate other governance structures that would provide the same benefits and level to access as the current MOU. While it is not expected that the governance structure will change, this work will allow the RWMG to ensure it is employing the most effective structure for the current purposes and objectives of the Inyo-Mono region.
Region Description	Has the regional description changed significantly from the current IRWM Plan?	The region description changed very little from the Inyo-Mono IRWM Phase I Plan (2010) to the Phase II Plan (2012). A few updates were made. It is expected that the same will occur in the next revision of the Plan.
Objectives	Will your objectives change from those in the current IRWM Plan? If so, how?	Two new objectives were added in the Phase II Plan (2012) to the six objectives of the Phase I Plan (2010) (see Chapter 7 of Phase II Plan). As part of the Round 2 Planning Grant work, and as outlined in Chapters 12 (Plan Implementation) and 13 (Plan Performance and Monitoring) of the Phase II Plan, the Inyo-Mono RWMG will continue to revisit objectives to ensure that they are being met by projects and other efforts undertaken by the RWMG, and will consider new objectives if it becomes apparent that the current objectives do not adequately address the water-related issues and needs in the region.
Resource Management Strategies	Will the Updated IRWM Plan consider the resource management strategies from the California Water Plan, Update 2009?	Both the Phase I and Phase II Plans considered resource management strategies from the California Water Plan Update 2009 and performed an examination of whether each RMS has been addressed in the Plan. See Chapter 7 of the Phase II Plan.
Integration	Will the process used in the Updated IRWM Plan allow, encourage, and actively pursue integration in both the planning process and project formulation and implementation?	A primary task of the RWMG through the Round 2 Planning Grant is to examine the concept of integration as it applies to the Inyo-Mono IRWM region. As a very large and diverse region, the application of integration to the planning and project formulation process is not intuitive, yet common water-related themes run throughout the region. The updated Phase II Plan will contain a substantially enhanced treatment of integration and how it can be more fully realized in the region.
Project Review Process	Will the project review process consider climate change vulnerabilities	The project review process utilized by the Inyo-Mono RWMG already includes criteria that address climate change vulnerabilities (and adaptation measures) and greenhouse gas

	and greenhouse gas emissions (for both construction and operation)?	emissions reductions. These criteria will be updated and further refined in future iterations of the project review process.
Technical Analysis	Have any data gaps been identified and how will the Updated IRWM Plan help fill the gaps?	The Phase II Plan (2012) identified data gaps within the Data Management/Technical Analysis chapter (4). Currently, data collected to fill gaps can be submitted to the Inyo-Mono GIS Analyst/Data Management Coordinator, who will ensure data conform to standards set within the Inyo-Mono IRWM Program Data Management Plan (Appendix A of Phase II Plan). The updated Phase II Plan will identify any additional data gaps and will make recommendations for filling those gaps, whether that includes data collection by the RWMG itself or data accessed through RWMG stakeholders' databases.
Relation to Local Water Use Planning	Will changes to the existing IRWM Plan be needed in order to improve coordination with local water use planning efforts?	The Phase II Plan identifies local and regional water plans and planning efforts. This list will be updated in the updated plan to reflect changes in the existing efforts and to include new efforts. The Inyo-Mono RWMG is confident that the current coverage of water-related planning efforts in the Phase II Plan (Chapter 11) allows for needed coordination among stakeholders and the public.
Relation to Local Land Use Planning	Will changes to the existing IRWM Plan be needed in order to improve coordination with land use planning efforts?	The Phase II Plan identifies local and regional land use plans and planning efforts. This list will be updated in the updated plan to reflect changes in the existing efforts and to include new efforts. The Inyo-Mono RWMG is confident that the current coverage of land use planning efforts in the Phase II Plan (Chapter 11) allows for needed coordination among stakeholders and the public, and indeed, the list of planning efforts provided in the Phase II Plan has already inspired coordination between the IRWM Program and Member agencies to begin integrating information.
Stakeholder Involvement	Will changes or improvements to the stakeholder involvement process be needed to ensure effective stakeholder participation?	The model utilized throughout the life of the Inyo-Mono IRWM Program has ensured successful and effective stakeholder participation. The Inyo-Mono RWMG will continue to use the same model for further stakeholder outreach. No substantial changes or improvements to the process are anticipated.
Coordination	Has the RWMG identified a need for changes/improvements to the ongoing coordination efforts?	The Inyo-Mono RWMG has recognized that there is opportunity for more coordination to take place within the region, both between the RWMG and Member organizations and among Member organizations. Early steps towards enhanced coordination are beginning, and the updated Phase II Plan will include lessons learned from these coordination efforts and a plan to ensure continued and effective coordination within the region.

Climate Change	<p>Will the Updated IRWM Plan contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A climate change vulnerability assessment of the IRWM region that is at least equivalent to the qualitative check list assessment in the Climate Change Handbook for Regional Water Planning (Handbook)? • A list of prioritized vulnerabilities derived from the vulnerability assessment and the IRWM's decision making process? • A plan, program, or methodology for further data gathering/analyzing of the prioritized vulnerabilities? 	<p>The Phase II Plan already contains a recently-completed climate change vulnerability assessment modeled off the Climate Change Handbook for Regional Water Planning. In the updated Phase II Plan, the Inyo-Mono RWMG will prioritize these vulnerabilities as required in the 2012 Plan Standards. The RWMG will also develop an approach for further refining and understanding these regional vulnerabilities.</p> <p>The Phase II Plan also includes a qualitative climate change impacts analysis, a region-specific evaluation of water-related adaptation strategies recommended in DWR's "Managing an Uncertain Future" (2008), and early greenhouse gas emissions inventories for three water systems in the Inyo-Mono region.</p>
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Project Consistency with an Adopted IRWM Plan

All four projects submitted for funding under the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant are included in the Inyo-Mono IRWM Phase II Plan. As described below, three of the projects were included in the Plan (Chapter 15) at the time of the Plan's adoption (November 14, 2012). The fourth project, along with some others not put forth for funding in this round, was added to the Plan's list of projects through an amendment process outlined in Chapter 5 of the Phase II Plan. This amendment, which only provides additional information to Chapter 15, was approved by the Inyo-Mono RWMG January 23, 2013 and is included as part of Attachment 2. The summary page of the meeting notes, which reflects this approval, is included on the next page.

Projects included in Phase II Plan as of date of adoption:

Big Pine Fire Protection Improvement Project

Inyo County Disadvantaged Communities Meters Project

Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin Brackish Water Resources Study

Project included with the Phase II Plan amendment:

Amargosa Basin Water, Ecosystem Sustainability, and Disadvantaged Communities Project

Meeting Summary

Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management Group

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2013
Mammoth Community Water District
1315 Meridian Boulevard
Mammoth Lakes, CA93546
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Call-in option:
1-866-862-2138
passcode: 1678718

Decision Items:

- Mark Drew moves to approve the following composition of the Admin. Committee (New Members: Justin Nalder, Malcolm Clark, and Alan Bacock; and Existing Members: Leroy Corlett, Irene Yamashita, and Heather deBethizy). Wesley Hawks seconds the motion. All approve.
- Wesley moves to approve the Phase II Plan amendment as presented. Darla Heil seconds the motion. All approve.
- Mark moves to approve both sets of RWMG meeting notes as amended. Wesley seconds the motion. All approve.
- Bob Harrington moves to approve the revised process for the Program Office Generic Letter of Support. Malcolm Clark seconds the motion. All approve.

Action Items:

- Program Staff is looking to put together a Data/Technology working committee to brainstorm a way to provide more helpful data to the Group. If you're interested in being a part of this committee, email janet@inyo-monowater.org. A more formal solicitation will occur regarding this committee at a later date.
- Program Staff will work with other Stakeholders to begin brainstorming on next steps regarding the Phase II Plan in an effort to address some of the suggestions regarding Plan Implementation in today's discussion. Program Staff will also provide regular updates to the rest of the RWMG on progress on this endeavor.
- The Program Staff is putting together a grant writing and proposal development workshop on February 6. It will be geared towards applying for DWR funds specifically for disadvantaged communities and Native American tribes. It will be held at the Big Pine Paiute Tribe Council Room. Please RSVP by emailing Holly at holly@inyo-monowater.org.
- Program Staff will post a request for applications on the website in regards to looking for a film crew to make a local water documentary.
- Maya Weinhart and Janet Hatfield have updated the online match forms. If you have a match form to submit please do so by February 15, 2013, to Maya at maya@inyo-monowater.org. The form is available online: <http://inyo-monowater.org/documents/downloadable-forms/>